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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO ASSEMBLE AN EXTRATERRITORIAL TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LAWS GOVERNING PLANNING, ZONING, ANNEXATION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, various state laws address growth and development in the extraterritorial areas immediately surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, existing laws fail to require an adequate level of service delivery and intergovernmental cooperation among the state, municipalities, counties and school districts; and

WHEREAS, extraterritorial land use has become a battleground of competing interests, resulting in decisions that are focused more on tax implications than on the greater

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1 public good; and

2 WHEREAS, expanded residential growth into rural areas, and  
3 the resulting demand for urban levels of services in rural  
4 areas, can be very expensive for a local government to  
5 adequately provide; and

6 WHEREAS, many other states have reformed their land use  
7 laws to require that local governments work together in serving  
8 the infrastructure and service needs of their constituents; and

9 WHEREAS, increased intergovernmental cooperation would  
10 result in a more efficient use of existing resources;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico association of counties  
13 and the New Mexico municipal league be requested to assemble an  
14 extraterritorial task force to review and recommend changes to  
15 the laws governing the planning, zoning, annexation and  
16 development of lands in the extraterritorial zones; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be comprised of  
18 four members appointed by the New Mexico municipal league and  
19 four members appointed by the New Mexico association of  
20 counties; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study issues  
22 relating to land use in the extraterritorial areas around  
23 municipalities, including zoning, subdivision, annexation,  
24 levels of services, location of schools, financing of  
25 infrastructure and taxation; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force recommend  
2 reforms of extraterritorial, municipal and county planning  
3 bodies and related laws; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report to the  
5 governor and the legislature by November 1, 2007 with  
6 recommendations for proposed reforms; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the New Mexico municipal league, the New Mexico  
9 association of counties and the governor.

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